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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each of the Japanese documents, together with English-language abstracts therefor, and a European Search Report citing the Japanese documents, are also enclosed.

Each item of information in this information disclosure statement was first cited in an Official Letter/Search Report issued by the European Patent Office in counterpart European Patent Application No. 99302095.7 not more than three months prior to the filing date of this Statement.

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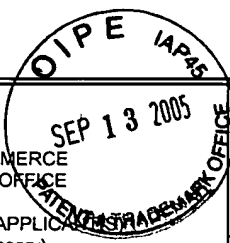


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